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"ALERT TO THE COMMUNIST CHALLENGERS"

1. Tribute to George Mahon. As Chairman of Appropriations Sub-committee on Military Affairs has vital influence in determining scale and emphasis of our military effort in these crucial times.

2. Congratulation to Lubbock for initiating alert to Communism and to Admiral Schindler, Commandant 8th Naval District, for suggesting pilot program.

3. Significant that Lubbock, almost equally distant from two oceans and relatively secure from direct contact with heart of Communist plotting, should have started the Alert Against Communism.

An example to others in the United States.

A challenge to our complacency.

4. Story about Communist party as "smallest thing" in Texas. But fact that small here - no reason delude ourselves that it small everywhere.

5. Proud at my selection to help you start "Alert." I have served under seven Presidents beginning with Woodrow Wilson. Have taken present job because it is a key position from which to work against communism.

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Communist menace issue on which no partisanship differences -- the only differences among loyal Americans come from ignorance of our peril. With knowledge of the danger we would be united in purpose and performance, hence need for alertness.

6. Duties of Central Intelligence Agency--main function to ferret out Communist intrigue, Soviet agents and plotters, and to find means of countering Communist menace in all its forms.

C.I.A. works outside United States and I shall discuss this threat.

7. With our relatively high living standards, insulation by two great oceans from direct contact with Communist world and, finally, effective action in unmasking Communist practice here through F.B.I. -- J. Edgar Hoover -- our greatest danger is not subversion in the United States though we must be keenly alive to this. Of course they do have their spies here.

Our danger lies in Communist policy of encirclement. Moscow does not expect, now, to take over United States by internal penetration. Our system is too strong.

They expect to subvert the remaining free world outside of the U.S. beginning with the weakest; leave us isolated and alone. Since 1917 International Communism has taken over areas whose population is almost a billion people (many not real converts but controlled).

Even in this hemisphere there is cause for concern. In Mexico and Argentina, recently, Soviet Embassy personnel caught red-handed in fomenting strikes (a favorite technique). And we do not forget what the Communists tried to do to our Vice President in Venezuela.

8. Suicide for us to wait till Communism drives freedom back to our own shores. We cannot safely see Communism drive forward in Europe, penetrate the Middle East and the American Continent to the South of us and Africa.

We must work with freedom loving people through the world to meet the menace wherever it appears and on a world-wide basis. A defeat in Berlin or in Iraq concerns you.

Your alert must have these broad horizons. (Add a description of Iraq developments which follows Soviet pattern of "take over.")

9. What is Communist program? Communist leaders have frankly told us -- all we need do is to read what Lenin has said -- what Stalin has said and what Khrushchev is now saying.

(More than thirty years ago, Hitler told us in "Mein Kampf" what he intended to do. We paid no attention -- he did it.)

We had best pay close attention to what Communists are saying.

Communist program is to take over and Communize the entire world -- it is not a limited aim, is not merely to meet Russian nationalistic ambitions. They propose to start with weakest areas;

planning thereby to immobilize and deter United States from effective action.

Purpose of today's Berlin action is to protect their flank; their ill-gotten gains -- Hungary and Eastern satellites -- while they penetrate the soft 'under belly' of the Asian mainland in the Near East and South and Southeast Asia.

10. What are the methods of Moscow, abetted by Peking? Will it be by military conquest? -- Not if we stay militarily strong.

Over past decades, particularly under Stalin, they have tried limited wars and wars by proxy, in Greece and Malaya; then more recently in Korea, in Vietnam and the Formosa Straits.

On balance, these techniques failed but they did help to alert the free world to the danger in this type of action. Furthermore, even limited wars, would today, increasingly involve the risk of nuclear war and mutual nuclear destruction.

While Soviets may be emboldened by their increasing nuclear power and growing potential with ballistic missiles, the Kremlin bosses realize that they cannot use their nuclear might without inviting their nuclear destruction. Our deterrent is strong and ready.

Furthermore, they know their people -- the Russian people don't want war -- just as the American people reject it unless it is forced upon them. Hence we feel that the methods of the Communist leaders will be subtle.

11. Their general program, as we see it, will probably include:

- a. The building up of their military power, particularly the ballistic threat as a blackmailing weapon against us; to try to soften us on the Berlin issue, in Iraq and Iran and elsewhere. (Remember how they rattled the ballistic missiles at time of Suez.)
- b. Development of their industrial base and heavy industry largely for military purposes while trying to keep their people hard and tough through denying them the consumer's goods and the major increase in the standard of living. They are producing one automobile to our 50 or 60. Last year the people of Russia had available for purchase barely one-third of the total goods and services available to Americans. We stress consumer satisfaction and building high living standards. They stress industrialization for military purposes. (Maybe we have been softened too much.) With less than half of our gross National Product their military effort equal to our own.)
- c. Third item on their program -- Resort to subversion and economic penetration against the exposed, under developed newly independent countries of the world.

12. It was by combination of military force and subversion that they took over Eastern European satellites. A little more than ten

years ago they seized power in Czechoslovakia without firing a shot. Trickery and subversion, plus revolution, played a great role in their taking over China. Tibet is threatened by Communist armies, Iraq by Soviet arms deliveries, promise of economic aid and maybe by Kurdish volunteers.

13. Apart from the Communist military and economic assets for world conquest, here are some of the more subtle instruments for their campaign of subversion.

Use of Communist parties on a world-wide basis. These include the hard core and the fellow-travellers. At 21st Communist Party Congress just recently held in Moscow, sixty Communist parties including American Communist party represented and received Moscow's directives and indoctrination.

The World Federation of Trade Unions, (refer to their position in France, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, etc.)

They have their own Communist Youth, Student, Veteran, Teachers and other like organizations. Refer to Moscow Youth Festival and now Vienna.

The so-called World Peace Conference and trade on the magic word of "Peace."

We estimate Moscow and Peking spend approximately two billion dollars a year in supporting foreign Communist parties and these Communist Front Organizations, plus their over-all subversive mechanism, (in addition, of course, to what they put into espionage.)

14. In support of these subversive techniques, they use economic penetration of the Free World and hold out to the under developed nations the beguiling theme that it is communism which has brought the Soviet Union in thirty years from being an under developed country to being the second greatest industrial and military power in the world.

Many countries realize they cannot hope to aspire to our high economic and living standards but think that possibly they can reach something like that of the Soviet Union.

They concentrate on those countries where this appeal will be the strongest -- such as the emerging countries of Asia and Africa, India, Indonesia.

Also, they do not hesitate to send in their obsolescent arms wherever they will cause the most trouble -- Egypt and Syria, Indonesia, and even to Black Africa.

15. These subversive assets are supplemented by the most virulent radio campaign the world has ever seen.

Both Moscow and Peking fill the airwaves of the East with their venom.

They distribute by the millions cheap books (many of them in English) and pamphlets with Communist indoctrination and attacks on the Free World.

They exaggerate Communist successes; misrepresent the achievements of the Free World.

At the same time the Soviet Union and Communist China have built up a physical and an intellectual iron curtain preventing their people (except a chosen few) from learning about the West or visiting the West. They abuse the freedoms of the Free World for espionage, propaganda and subversion.

CONCLUSION:

Over the past ten years and more have been alerted to the Communist program and techniques, by events in Greece, the Berlin blockade and the attack on South Korea, and the take over of China, Czechoslovakia, etc.

In recent years, especially since Khrushchev denounced Stalinist tactics and adopted the more subtle theme of co-existence to mask his purposes, we have tended to relax our vigilance.

Too many of our people have readily bought this theme of co-existence.

We have failed to distinguish between the ruthless objectives of the Kremlin leaders and the friendly attitude of the Russian peoples, themselves, when we meet them indirectly. We forget that the latter have a negligible role in determining the Soviet policy.

All this time the Russian people are being forced to work harder and to devote their energies to developing the military and industrial strength of their country while receiving themselves, only a small fraction of national production in the form of consumer's goods and increase in living standards.

It is well that we should renew our alert to the danger.

We cannot afford to see the frontiers of freedom shrink.

It is for us who are strong to help the weak resist the Communist
Inroads.

We must understand the challenge. If we do, have no doubt as to
the nature of the response.

For we will have no assured peace until there are governments
in Moscow and Peking which are responsible to their people, not to
the ruthless tenets of International Communism.

Your alert will set an example to the whole country.

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